ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OF WESTFORD,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 12, 1853.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
FEBRUARY 10th, 1853,

The Committee chosen to reckon and settle with Ephraim Wright, Town Treasurer, for the year ending at date, submit the following Report:—

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasurer's hands at last settlement,		$772 00
Cash received of E. Prescott, Collector for 1851,		30 86
" " " "	before Oct. 6, 1852,	2,858 58
" " " "	" Dec. 6, 1852,	665 56
" " " "	after Dec. 6, 1852,	850 00
" "	the State School Fund,	76 33
" "	the State for State Paupers,	15 84
" "	from Stony Brook Railroad Corp. dividend,	38 75
" "	from the proceeds of the Town Farm,	9 87
" "	of Amos Haywood, Collector for 1849,	16 96
" "	of D. C. Butterfield, Collector for 1850,	67 89
Cash borrowed	of Jesse Wright,	375 00
" "	of Sally Adams,	100 00
" "	of John Abbot,	300 00
		$6,177 64

PAYMENTS.

Paid H. P. Herrick, Note and Interest,	54 67
" John Osgood, " "	421 87
" Amos Day, " "	103 00
" John Abbott, " "	303 15
" Eli Tower, " "	408 13
" Trustees of Westford Academy, Note and Interest,	420 13
" Interest on Notes against the Town,	106 50
" Orders,	3,388 72
In Treasurer's hands,	971 47
	$6,177 64

Your Committee further Report, that the Town is indebted to the following persons on Notes :—

Betsey Prescott,	$416 67
Abram Wright,	78 37
Oliver Wright,	104 50
John Osgood,	306 00
Jesse Wright,	394 04
Sally Adams,	104 16
	$1,403 74

OTHER LIABILITIES.

Outstanding orders,	33 19
Other claims estimated at	100 00
Due the several School Districts,	895 19
Due the Master of Poor House,	222 00
	$2,654 12

RESOURCES.

Balance cash in hands of Treasurer,	$971 47	
Five Shares in Stony Brook Railroad,	500 00	
Dividend due on said shares,	7 50	
Due from D. C. Butterfield, Collector for 1850,	17 00	
Due from E. Prescott, Collector for 1851,	76 06	
Due from E. Prescott, Collector for 1852,	84 65	
Due from Master of the Poor House by duebill,	71 32	
Due from the State for support of Paupers,	30 00	
		1,758 00
Balance against the Town,		$896 12
Amount of Debt February, 1852,	2,167 83	
	896 12	
Debt diminished,	$1,271 71	

EPHRAIM A. HARWOOD,
LEVI SNOW,
SOLOMON RICHARDSON, } Committee.

EPHRAIM WRIGHT, Town Treasurer.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES, INCLUDING COMPENSATION OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Claims due prior to March 1st, 1852.

Paid Leonard Luce, services as School Committee,	$ 6 00
" Joseph Bailey, posting six warrants,	3 00
" " " appraising property at Poor Farm,	1 00
" Elias Sweetser, " " " " 1849–50,	2 00
" Levi T. Fletcher, " " " " 1849,	1 00
" Nathan S. Hamblin, " " " " "	1 50
" Timothy P. Wright, " " " " "	1 00
" First Parish, for tolling bell for funerals,	7 50
" Union Society, " " "	7 50
" William W. Goodhue, attending 14 funerals with hearse,	9 80
" Keach, Emery & Co., printing reports,	8 00
" Abbott & Brown, fees on Kelley suit, 1850–51,	35 00
" L. H. Hildreth, going to Lowell twice for report,	2 00
	$55 30

Incidental expenses after March 1st., 1852.

Paid S. Greenleaf, advice on school laws,	10 00
" S. J. Varney for blanks and advertising,	13 00
" Patriot Office, "	1 00
" Keach, Emery & Co., "	1 50
" A. W. Hildreth, stationery,	70
" S. & S. D. Fletcher, postage, $3 21, stationery, $0 68,	3 89
" First Parish, use hall for Town meetings,	25 00
" " " for fuel,	1 50
" Execution on Bethiah Prescott suit,	70 56
" D. C. Butterfield, services and expenses in do.,	23 46
" Nathan S. Hamblin, witness in do.,	3 80
" Ephraim Wright, " do.,	3 80
" Edward Prescott, paying County tax,	2 00
" " " making return of persons paid taxes,	1 00
" " " collecting taxes,	23 38
" D. C. Butterfield, attending 12 funerals,	6 96
" " " ent'ing committee when Town Treasurer,	2 25
" " " entertaining Town officers in March & Nov.,	11 50
" " " appraising property at Poor Farm,	1 50
Amount carried forward,	$262 10

Amount brought forward,		$262 10
Paid	Joseph Hildreth, services as Town Clerk,	12 00
"	" " recording 51 births,	10 20
"	" " " 18 deaths,	2 70
"	" " " 12 marriages,	1 20
"	" " cash paid on 3 packages books,	1 00
"	John Cutter, taking invoice and making taxes 13 days,	16 50
"	" " services as Selectman,	5 00
"	Amos Heywood, going to Boston to see S. Greenleaf,	3 26
"	" " taking invoice and making taxes 15 days,	18 75
"	" " boarding Assessors,	10 00
"	" " going to Lowell to pay bills,	1 50
"	" " services as Selectman,	5 00
"	" " making reports and postage, &c.,	5 09
"	L. H. Hildreth, taking invoice and making taxes 13 days,	16 50
"	" " services as Selectman,	5 00
"	Ephraim Wright, services as Town Treasurer,	12 00
"	Joseph Bailey, agent, cash paid for liquor,	19 14
		$406 94

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid	Rufus Patten, land for road,	$34 00
"	Levi Snow, putting fence across road,	83
"	Joseph Keyes, breaking out "	4 25
"	Abijah Fletcher, breaking out and repairing road,	22 00
"	Eli Tower, putting fence across road,	83
"	H. A. Hildreth, work on road,	9 89
"	Alpheus J. Read, " "	18 00
"	Amos Hildreth,2d," "	16 75
"	Aldin P. Osgood, " "	23 63
"	Wm. Edes, plank, "	15 00
"	John W. Cummings, work on road,	2 37
"	Asa Nutting, laying stone bridge in District No. 8,	6 50
"	Edwin Gould, blowing stone, " "	2 74
"	Daniel Falls, cutting brush on road,	3 00
"	John Cutter, viewing road by R. Patten and E. Tower's,	1 75
"	" " going to Lowell to see Butler on Woods case,	1 50
"	" " going to Littleton on Woods *vs.* Town,	1 00
"	" " cash paid on referee case " "	21 83
"	Amos Heywood, viewing road by R. Patten and E. Towers's,	1 00
"	" " letting out bridge and cutting brush on road,	1 62
"	" " going to Littleton on Woods case,	1 00
"	L. H. Hildreth, viewing road by R. Patten and E. Tower's,	1 75
"	" " going to Littleton on Woods case,	1 00
"	George B. Hildreth, painting guide-boards,	7 13
"	A. P. Quimby, " "	6 00
"	Ephraim Wright, making "	3 33
"	Ephraim Abbott, surveying road,	25
"	S. & S. D. Fletcher, powder and fuse,	31
		$209 25

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

David C. Butterfield, Collector 1850,	$37 58
Edward Prescott, Collector 1851,	30 86
" " " 1852,	12 88
Edward Symmes, taxes 1849,	14 20
Lucy Davis, " "	2 76
George Herrick, " 1848,	1 50
Reuben W. Cummings, abatement,	81
George Kidder, "	1 62
Cyrus Hamblin, highway tax,	4 56
Amos Heywood, error in taxes 1850,	2 00
	$108 77

SCHOOLS.

Sum raised by the Town in 1852,	$1,200 00
Received from State,	76 33
	$1,276 33

One half the sum of $638 16 divided equally among 10 districts, gives each $63 82. The balance, $638 17, divided equally between 610 scholars in Town, allowing each $1 25 12-100.

Dist.	No.	1	has	106	scholars,	and	received	$132 62	×	$63 82	=	$196 44
"	"	2	"	71	"	"	"	88 83	×	"	=	152 65
"	"	3	"	39	"	"	"	48 80	×	"	=	112 62
"	"	4	"	46	"	"	"	57 55	×	"	=	121 37
"	"	5	"	48	"	"	"	60 05	×	"	=	123 87
"	"	6	"	59	"	"	"	73 81	×	"	=	137 63
"	"	7	"	48	"	"	"	60 05	×	"	=	123 87
"	"	8	"	31	"	"	"	38 80	×	"	=	102 62
"	"	9	"	41	"	"	"	31 30	×	"	=	115 12
"	"	10	"	21	"	"	"	26 32	×	"	=	90 14
												$1,276 33

RECAPITULATION.

Money raised for Town debts and charges,	$2,500 00
County tax,	814 08
Fractional parts,	53 46
Highway taxes returned unworked,	61 76
	$3,429 20

No. Polls, 369.

Paid claims due prior to March 1st, 1852.

Incidental expenses,	$ 55 30
After March 1st—	
Incidental expenses,	351 64
Roads and bridges,	209 26
Taxes ordered,	108 77
	$724 97

JOHN CUTTER,
AMOS HEYWOOD,
L. H. HILDRETH,
} Selectmen of Westford.

OVERSEER'S REPORT.

The Overseers of the Poor submit the following Report for the support of the Poor, from February 7, 1852, to February 7, 1853:—

Amount of personal property at the Poor House, including farming tools, stock, &c., as by the appraisal of Committee, Feb. 7, 1852,		$1,240 48
Appraisal February 7, 1853,		1,307 15
Gain on Personal Property,		$ 66 67
By S. Nutting's book from February 7, to April 1, 1852 —		
Received for produce,	$22 12	
Paid out,	17 53	
Balance in favor of Town,	$4 59	Paid to S. Nutting.
Received from income of farm by A. B. Cutter's book:—		
Received for 1 pair Oxen,		$114 84
" 800 lbs. Butter,		168 58
" Calves,		47 00
" Milk,		12 31
" Pork and Bacon,		23 35
" Lard,		6 73
" Chickens and eggs,		9 49
" Apples,		51 79
" Potatoes,		24 99
" Cider and vinegar,		13 80
" Hay and straw,		4 27
" Bull,		15 00
" Hide,		2 80
" Work,		9 72
" Beans and garden sauce,		7 10
" Timber, $1,12,—stone, $1,		2 12
		$513 89
Of this sum A. B. Cutter has paid supplies,	$442 57	
Paid into the Treasury,	71 32	
		$513 89

A. B. Cutter has paid, as by his books and receipts, the following sums, to wit:—

Paid Nichols & Co., for goods,	$37 02
" S. & S. D. Fletcher, goods,	42 90
Amount carried forward,	$79 92

	Amount brought forward,	$79 92
Paid	A. W. Hildreth, goods,	36 87
"	A. B. Cutter, corn,	28 22
"	1 pair oxen,	72 00
"	1 stove and fire board,	26 40
"	22 bushels rye,	20 24
"	meat, Ira Leland,	15 71
"	1 harness,	17 50
"	3 pigs,	13 09
"	pasturing heifers,	3 67
"	Making cider,	8 75
"	T. P. Wright, blacksmithing,	20 59
"	George Read, work,	27 58
"	Charles Chandler, work,	24 84
"	Mr. Gee, work,	2 25
"	Mrs. Dailey,	1 25
"	Stewart P. Wright, work,	3 62
"	Ansel Davis, work,	1 62
"	Butchering,	1 53
"	Hay cutter,	4 50
"	Repairing saw, harness and churn,	3 19
"	Bread, $2,63,—cream-pail, 60 cts.,	3 23
"	Sawing logs,	2 87
"	Barrels and casks, $2,64, and use of wagon, $0,40,	3 04
"	Baskets, $1,25—paint, $0,80,	2 05
"	1 coat, Peter Read,	80
"	1 pair pants, "	2 25
"	1 pair shoes, "	55
"	Dr. Dow,	2 83
"	Sundries at store,	11 61
		$442 57

The Overseers have paid the following sums, by orders on the Treasurer, to wit:

Claims due prior to April 1st, 1852.

Paid	Solomon Nutting, master Poor House,	$245 41
"	cash to Mrs. Holgate, for furniture,	15 00
"	Levi Snow, digging grave Samuel Dexter,	1 50
"	John Lowell, boarding Mrs. Patch,	5 31
"	City of Boston, support of James Kemp, 1850–51,	6 25
"	" " " Elizabeth Stone,	3 75
"	Town of Pepperell, wood John Campernal,	5 00
"	P. Chamberlin, 1 ox,	1 09
"	S. & S. D. Fletcher, store bill,	14 33
"	A. W. Hildreth, " "	4 72
"	Amos Heywood, going to W. Chelmsford about Mrs. Holgate,	83
"	" " " Pepperell to pay bills,	2 50
"	L. H. Hildreth, going to Lowell to see Abel Corey, and wood furnished,	1 75
	Amount carried forward,	$307 55

Amount brought forward,		$307 45
Paid Dr. M. Spaulding, 3 visits to Poor House,		2 50
		$309 94
Outstanding claims,		28 60
		$338 54

After April 1st.

Paid John Lowell, boarding Mrs. Patch,	$6 50	
" Ephraim Wright, sink for Poor House,	3 17	
" " " coffin for State pauper,	3 50	
" John Cutter, going to Littleton about Asa Parker,	1 00	
" " " services as Overseer,	5 00	
" A. Heywood, going to Lowell about A. Sawtell,	63	
" " " moving Mr. Nichols to Poor Farm,	50	
" " " services as Overseer,	5 00	
" " " L. H. Hildreth, going to see J. Kemp,	1 00	
" " " services as Overseer,	5 00	
		$31 30
Outstanding claims,		10 67
		$380 51

RECAPITULATION.

EXPENDITURES.

Paid by A. B. Cutter, master, for supplies,	$442 57
" " Overseers in orders,	341 24
Outstanding claims,	29 27
	$813 08

INCOME.

Produce of the farm,	$513 89	
Gain on Personal Property,	66 67	
Due for State paupers,	35 00	
		$615 56

Cost of the Poor for the year ending Feb. 7, 1853, exclusive the interest of farm, $197 52

Expense of the poor from April 1st, 1852, to February 7th, 1853, including Master's wages and Oveseers' services, $100 98.

Number of paupers, 12.

JOHN CUTTER,
AMOS HEYWOOD,
L. H. HILDRETH,
} Overseers of the Poor of Westford.